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COMMUNICATION CONFIRMING APRIL 17, 2009 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH EXAMINER AND COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 2, 2009 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This Communication is being filed to confirm an April 17, 2009 telephone conference between Legal Instruments Examiner Nichele Peterson of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Lenh Mong of the undersigned's office regarding a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on April 2, 2009 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the April 2, 2009 Notice is attached herewith as **Exhibit A**. This Communication is also being filed in response to the April 2, 2009 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. A response to the Notice is due May 2, 2009. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.